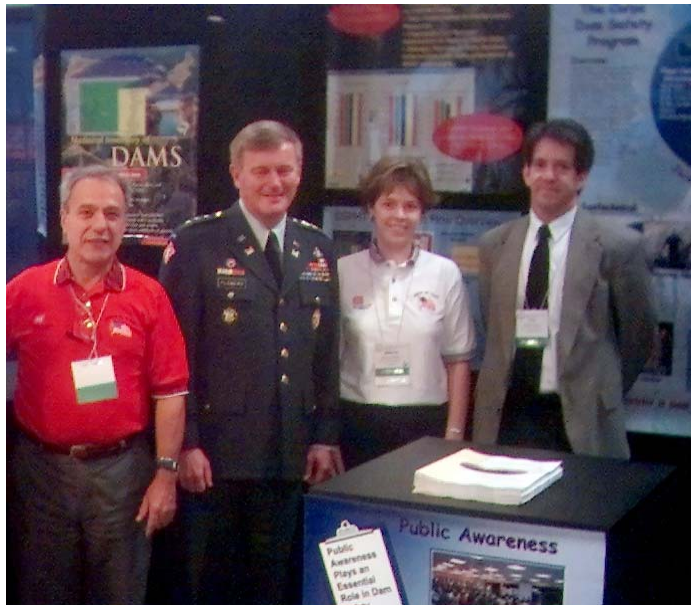
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TEC's Dam Safety Data Team Meets Lt. Gen. Flowers

Since 1998, TEC has been promoting the National Inventory of Dams (www.tec.army.mil/nid) and working with state and federal participants at the annual Association of State Dam Safety Officials Dam Safety Conferences. This year's conference, Sept. 9-11 in Tampa, Fla., included an opening session presentation by Lt. Gen. Flowers. The Chief also visited the Corps' (TEC/Jacksonville District) booth in the exhibit hall (see picture below) and later shared lunch with some 65 Corps of Engineers representatives at the conference.



From left to right: Charlie Baldi (CECW-E), General Flowers, Becky Ragon and Tony Niles (CEERD-TR-A). Ken Brooker, the third member of the TEC Dam Safety Data Team, is not pictured.

Note to all Corps employees: Always have your USACE permission slip on hand and your 30-second commercial ready because you never know when Lt. Gen. Flowers will ask you in front of 600 people, "Becky Ragon, what is your 30-second commercial?"

P.S: Many in attendance approached Becky afterwards and remarked on the "great job she'd done in answering the Chief". They also stated how glad they were that Lt. Gen. Flowers had picked her and not them! Good job Becky!

Sept. 11 Spiritual Message

Several TEC members have requested a copy of the spiritual message delivered by Mike Collins, TR-R, during the Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony. The text is attached below.



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Arrivals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gaining</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dr. Photios Papados	GS-M	Aug. 11
Julie Kolakowski	TS-C	Aug. 26
Patrik Pioli	TS-D	Sept. 8

Departure

<u>Name</u>	<u>Losing Org.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Matt Klink	MVK-CT	Oct. 4

Handling Calls from the Media

When you receive calls from media representatives (local reporters, technical, trade, or general news media), please refer the caller to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) before responding to any questions. PAO will work with you, the reporter, and our command staff to determine how TEC as an organization can best respond. PAO will arrange an interview between you and the reporter if appropriate, and will answer any follow-up calls. This procedure will help TEC personnel prepare properly for answering media questions.

The intention of this request is not to restrict anyone's freedom to speak to the press. It will, however, ensure all concerned, when speaking as representatives of TEC, have the big picture and a complete background on the issue at hand. It also ensures the coordination with our executive staff, who are ultimately responsible for the image portrayed by TEC to the press.

Bulletin Publication Change

With the establishment of an ERDC-wide Information Bulletin, which will be published every 2 weeks, individual site Bulletins will now be published in the "off" weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles and information for the site Bulletin. The next Alexandria Site Information Bulletin will be published on Oct. 3.

Commander's Mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

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